

Amendments to the Specification

Please make the following changes to the paragraphs taken from the specification as follows:

Beginning on page 15, 2nd paragraph:

To aid downstream services in detecting when they have missed a differential update message, a sequence number is associated with each offer and subsequent update and the sequence number is broadcast with that update. When a product instance 74 is added to the offer pool 56 for the first time it is assigned a sequence number of zero. Each time the instance 74 of the offer in the pool 56 is updated by the offer pool manager 64 based on an external event, the sequence number is incremented by one. The sequence number is broadcast with differential update messages and can be used by the client managers 32 to verify that its local copy of the object is current. If a client manager 32 detects that the sequence number for an update message is not the next number in the sequence for the locally stored version of the associated object, one or more update messages have been missed and the client manager can request a full set of product type attributes to refresh the product offering image.